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Dear Dr. ~~Taubeneck~~:

Thank you for the reprints of your papers, just received.

I am sending under separate cover the ms. of a paper that will appear shortly in J. Bact.

I am sorry I did not know of your work earlier, so that I could have quoted it in my review. I shall have to study it carefully. However, we may be in some disagreement as to the alteration of the cell wall which I consider the crucial feature of L-type growth, especially on account of the role of DAP. Perhaps you can advise me of your critical reaction to my ms.

I was also interested to see your photomicrographs of L forms (Zbl. 163, 309) on an agar surface, corresponding to my observation (ms. P. 7). To get typical L growth at least in E. coli it is necessary that it be fully embedded within the agar.

Yours sincerely,

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